

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary time



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday.....8:30 am (except Wednesday)
Wednesday.....7:00 pm
First Friday Mass2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days.....8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday.....9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, October 5

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29 / LK 10:17-24

8:30 am Fr. Michael Burke *by Parish Staff*
Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

5:00 pm Intentions of Gloria Lombardo
by Lombardo Family

Sunday, October 6

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14 / LK 175-10

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families
by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller

9:00 am Tina Spatarella *by Suzanne Wallace*

11:00 am Intentions of Craig Johnson
by Ron & Ann Johnson
Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Monday, October 7 - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

JON 1:1—2:1-2, 11 / LK 10:25-37

8:30 am Intentions of Franco & Chiara Lombardo
by Lombardo Family
Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Tuesday, October 8

JON 3:1-10 / LK 10:38-42

8:30 am Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Wednesday, October 9

JON 4:1-11 / LK 11:1-4

7:00 pm Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Thursday, October 10

MAL 3:13-20B / LK 11:5-13

8:30 am Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Friday, October 11

JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / LK 11:15-26

8:30 am Intentions of Christopher Johnson
by Ron & Ann Johnson
Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

Saturday, October 12

JL 4:12-21 / LK 11:27-28

8:30 am Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*
5:00 pm Intentions of Ray Doyle *by Parish Staff*

Sunday, October 13

2 KGS 5:14-17 / 2 TM 2:8-13 / LK 17:11-19

7:30 am Intentions of Jessica Lavalette
by Al & Judie Klenk
9:00 am Angelina Falotico *by Falotico Family*

11:00 am Susan McGovern *by Parish Staff*
Raymond Tirado *by C.Tirado*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

John and Lucy Barrett, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Bob Metroke, Deacon Ed Muller, Bill Nagy, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Harry Pasternak Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, George Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samscock, Greg Schmiditty, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski, Virginia Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, September 22 \$ 2,745.00

Online Giving \$ 350.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Next weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Assessment*

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Elizabeth Muchow



WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik, Jr., National Guard; Pvt. Chance Phillips, Army; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Kyle Titus, US Army; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.

The purpose of the rosary is to help us mediate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—His birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of His earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bes remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The Rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

RCIA PROGRAM

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)



Are any of your relatives, friends or anyone you know who wants to become a full Catholic? Look no further. We are accepting candidates for the RCIA Program. Anyone who is inquiring to know more about the Catholic Faith and teachings, and those who

were baptized but did not receive Eucharist or Confirmation, please call the office or e-mail Fr. Abuchi.

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Sacrament of Anointing: Please call the parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Ministry to the Sick: Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

Baptisms: Parents may contact the parish before or after their child’s birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Sacramental Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also

contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

****SAVE THE DATE****

FALL FAMILY DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
AFTER 5PM MASS

GREAT FOOD
FUN ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES



****Sign-Up Sheets and More Information Can Be Found at The Side Doors of The Church. ****

Eucharistic Adoration

At OLMC, we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday morning from 9:00 am till noon. Below are some reasons why you should consider spending some “one on one” time with our Lord.

***It deepens our experience receiving Holy Communion-** Pope Benedict has said, “Indeed, an intrinsic connection exists between celebration and adoration: ‘No one eats of this flesh’ as St. Augustine outside Holy Mass prolongs and intensified what has taken place in the celebration and makes a true and profound reception of Christ possible.”

***It helps us to be transformed by Jesus** – In 1989, St. John Paul II said, “If we are to experience the Eucharist as the ‘source and summit of all Christian life,’ then we must celebrate it with faith, receive it with reverence and allow it to transform our minds and hearts through the prayer of adoration.”

***It helps us to humble ourselves** – In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is written that “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator.”

***It brings us joy** – St. Padre Pio was once quoted as saying, “A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communicating with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”

***It greatly pleases Jesus** – St. Faustina wrote that she heard Jesus saying to her “I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way, you will console My Heart.”

***It strengthens us** – Mother Theresa of Calcutta reminded us that through the Eucharist Jesus, “opens the floodgates of His merciful love to the whole world.”

OLMC Parish Youth Group Announcement

The **OLMC Parish Youth Group** will kick off the activities for this year this Sunday, October 6 at 6-8 pm in the OLMC Community Center. There will be a movie, snacks and fun activities. Students in grade 8, 9 and 10 are expected to attend.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal
"For I Was Hungry..."

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests' retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town - perhaps even a family member. Please help your neighbor in need and make a pledge to the Annual Appeal today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org.*

Blessing of the Animals

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 6th at 1 PM.

Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil for 40 Days of Life



The Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil will take place every Monday during the 40 Days of Life Campaign: September 30th, October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at Planned Parenthood located 8 Moran Street, Newton.

Parish Membership

Our Parish family invites all its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.

Come to daily Mass

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host. Every Mass is a healing experience. Receiving Christ in the Blessed Eucharist gives us the strength to draw closer to God and to heal our wounded relationship with one another.

The Frankford Plains Church which serves as a homeless shelter, is in need of new or gently used blankets, quilts, throws. They can't be too bulky for they need to be cleaned in a washing machine. If you

can help donate, please call Mary Anne Condit (973)219-3352 or you can drop off in the Church Hall. **Thank you for your help!**



Respect Life Sunday

Today is Respect Life Sunday!

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating the kickoff of Respect Life Month. Find the reflection on this year's theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," by visiting respectlifeprogram.org/reflection.

National Life Chain

October 6, 2019 from 2pm - 3:30pm

Today is National Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain is the largest, peaceful, prayerful, pro-life public witness in the world. Life Chains will be held throughout the US and Canada. Local pro-life people will be lining up around the Newton Green for the Sussex County Life Chain. Please join us in standing up for the sanctity of life.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima Campaign.

On October 13, 2007, America needs Fatima launched 2,100 Public Square Rosary Rallies held in public squares, busy intersections, city parks, in front of town halls or local abortion clinics all across America in honor of the 90th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal.

Join the 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade here at OLMC on Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 PM out on the lawn. For more information, please call Judie Klenk (973)580-0778.





True faith should be shared and put into action

The book of Hebrews says "faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." For a lot of people, faith is saying regular prayers and going to Mass on Sundays. Faith is more than prayers and Masses. Faith involves everything we do. And when there is no faith there is no hope. Faith is the foundation for hope. Without hope our spirit is depressed; we are hopeless. "Thus, faith gives us something to hang onto; it gives purpose and meaning to life. It helps us not to give up when life is difficult and challenging. Faith is the firm foundation on which our life is built." Our faith grows when we gather for worship, when we listen to the readings, offer our prayers, listen for God's voice in the homily and feel God's presence at the Eucharistic table.

In the first reading today, Habakkuk needed some faith to hang on to. We can feel his frustration: "How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen? Why do you let me see ruin and why must I look misery? Destruction and violence are before me." During this difficult period for Habakkuk, for 17 years the Babylonians harassed Israel until they eventually destroyed the Temple and all of Jerusalem. Habakkuk was depressed. So, he questions God's presence in the midst of the problems and violence. He asked for relief. God assured him it will come if the people just put their trust in God.

Talk about faith! In the Gospel, the apostles asked Jesus, "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5). They probably recognized that the jobs that Jesus was giving them required more faith than they had. Jesus seems to have recognized that too, for He told them if they had as much faith as a grain of mustard seed, one of the tiniest of all seeds, they would have more than enough faith to do whatever they needed to do. Did Jesus increase His apostles' faith? No! When they asked for faith, Jesus didn't just reach into His pocket and pull out a neatly wrapped package of faith for each one of them. Faith is not something one can buy in a store or order over the internet. In fact, for Jesus, the apostles already have enough faith. All that needed is to put that faith to action and extraordinary things will happen.

St. James also spoke about genuine faith to be in action. "Faith without good works is dead" he said (James 2:14-26). Jesus illustrates this faith in action using the parable of servanthood in today's gospel. Our Lord then says to all of us, "When we have done everything we were told to do we say, we are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." Faith in action prevents us from having a sense of entitlement. That is, to think the Church is here to serve us instead of God's call upon us to serve our Lord and others. Why? Because church is not a place offering us service, but rather the place in which and from which we serve God and others. The Church is the fellowship in which we are servants to each other. The questions we all would be wise to ask on a regular basis are, "How can I help?" "Where can I serve?" Ask not what the Church will do for you but rather ask what you can do that will be beneficial to others and to the Church.

--Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

-St. Louis Marie de Monfort